## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53 By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Dean Jones for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dean Jones is one such estimable person who has served the State of Tennessee with distinction for forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dean Jones will be taking a much deserved retirement after devoting her working career to several different departments and areas within State Government, including the Department of Insurance and Banking, the House of Representatives, the 1965 Constitutional Convention, the Office of Local Government, and the Senate Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones prepared for her employment with the State of Tennessee by studying at Garrett's Business School in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1944, Mary Dean was joined in a most blessed union with Richard Jones, who has remained a faithful companion throughout their many years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is a proud mother of son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Beth Jones, and the delighted grandmother of Austin Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dean Jones is an active and important part of her community and her profession, and her hard work, diligence, and dedication have not gone unnoticed by her peers, colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement, Mrs. Mary Dean Jones looks forward to spending more time with her grandson and visiting with much loved friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dean Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mary Dean Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and all the members of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Mary Dean Jones our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer to Mary Dean Jones our heartfelt gratitude for the many years she has dedicated to this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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